

DAVID AND BATHSHEBA (PART TWO)

2 Sam 11: 6-27

2 Sam 11:6 One sin leads to another.

From here on his kingdom goes downward.

David begins quick descent to destruction and devastation from Lord.

Penalty for adultery was death. Lev 20:10

2 Sam 11:7 Something wrong with this picture?

2 Sam 11:8 ... *and wash thy feet*

Hebrew expression--Relax and enjoy yourself.

Mess of meat: tribute, gift of food

One of the highest compliments a king pay toward people.

2 Sam 11:9 Uriah refused sleep with wife.

Felt guilty -- able to relax and enjoy comforts of married life while others putting lives on line.

2 Sam 11:10 David showing guilt

2 Sam 11:11 They are out in tents on battlefield--ark of God with them

2 Sam 11:12-13 I'll get him drunk!

Forgets all rational and goes into wife.

Nothing worked for David.

One sin leads to another.

Wages of sin lead to more wages of sin.

Sin never idle.

The various arts and stratagems by which the king tried to cajole Uriah, till at last he resorted to the horrid crime of murder--the cold-blooded cruelty of dispatching the letter by the hands of the gallant but much-wronged soldier himself, the enlistment of Joab to be a partaker of his sin, the heartless affectation of mourning, and the indecent haste of his marriage with Bath-sheba--have left an indelible stain upon the character of David, and exhibit a painfully humiliating proof of the awful lengths to which the best of men may go when they forfeit the restraining grace of God.

David becomes so hardened and frantic that he will kill anybody.

2 Sam 11:14-15 Uriah one of his best friends.

2 Sam 11:16

Roe: David figured, "All I want is to get Uriah killed, and he is forcing me to do it. I really don't want to do that, but he is forcing my hand. ...David writes beautiful psalms on Sunday, but on Monday when he wants his dirty work done, while he may not like me, he always comes to Joab.

David has put himself completely in the power of this man he knows to be evil, unscrupulous and power hungry.

2 Sam 11:17-21 This account in Judges 9.

Abimelech attacked the city. God

Approached wall of city--woman on top of wall threw millstone and crushed his skull.

...thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

David didn't really care how many men killed.

As long as Uriah did.

Issue not adultery and premeditated murder of one man. Now--premeditated murder of many men.

Now group of new widows and fatherless children in Israel.

One sin leads to another ... Sin never stands alone!

2 Sam 11:22-24 Messenger so frightened, immediately blurts out news about Uriah.

2 Sam 11:25 Hey, Joab, don't feel bad about it. On with the battle.

2 Sam 11:26-... But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

What a statement!

Swindoll: ...The sweet singer of Israel was now living a lie, faking his existence in a minor key. This passionate, handsome king, this exemplary leader now lives in the shadows of his own palace. He no longer goes out to battle. He shrivels into something he was never designed to be, because he deliberately compromised with wrong, then deceitfully, covered it over with murder

David never be the same.

So What?

A man loses his ability to reason in the midst of passion

Therefore, flee youthful lusts 2 Tim 2:22

Guard your eyes Job 31:1

Stay busy for God

Obedience brings blessings, disobedience brings conflict.

Sin never stands alone. It leads to more sin...

Sin always has consequences. Rom 6:23; Gal 6:7-8